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11. (U) This is a response to an action request contained in State 70664.

12. (U) A/DCM and PolOff met July 15 with Nkoloi Nkoloi, the Director of Europe and the Americas in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and the Assistant Director of Europe and the Americas, Lebogang Diteko. A/DCM delivered the points contained in reftel and urged the GOB to continue to exert pressure within SADC to move the process in Zimbabwe forward and to have SADC act upon the request by Prime Minister Tsvangirai to review noncompliance under the GPA. Director Nkoloi agreed that there were serious problems that needed attention from SADC, but offered no other substantive response.

13. (SBU) Comment: Though Nkoloi offered no detailed response to the demarche, it was clear that he agreed with the USG position regarding problems with GPA implementation. Botswana has played a constructive role on Zimbabwe issues in the past and is likely to continue to push SADC to in a helpful direction. Post will continue to monitor GOB thinking on Zimbabwe and will convey any other information received SEPTTEL. End Comment.  
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